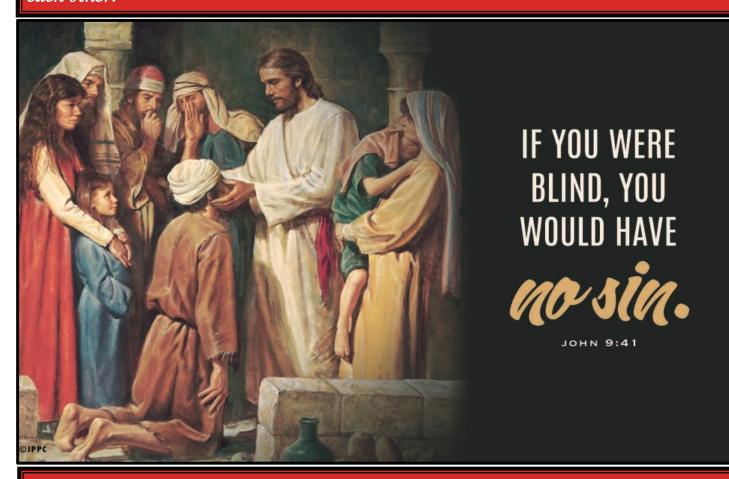
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH 117 Washington Street Bath, Pennsylvania 18014-1524

OUR MISSION

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is a defined community of the Roman Catholic Church which seeks, as its ultimate goal, the fullness of the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught by the authentic teaching authority of the Holy Catholic Church.

We profess unity in belief, worship, and morals with our Holy Father and our Bishop. We seek to provide the fullness of life in the Church through the Sacred Liturgy, prayer, education, religious formation, outreach, and service to our neighbors and each other.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 19, 2023

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak - <u>Direct</u> Telephone: (800) 791-9209 DIOCESAN SECRETARY FOR YOUTH PROTECTION: Pamela J Russo- Telephone: (610) 871-5200, Ext. 2204

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4th Sunday of Lent (anticipated)

March 18 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

5:00 PM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent

March 19 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

7:00 AM John Kovalovsky

r/b Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kovalovsky

9:00 AM Ron Landsiedel

r/b Natalie and Cathryn

11:00 AM John and Sylvia Flamisch r/b daughter, Rosanne

Monday, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 20 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

8:00 AM Concetta Vinci

r/b Nicole Adams and Anthony Ulecka

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

March 21 Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16

8:00 AM David Eckel

r/b Denise Robinson

Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

March 22 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

8:00 AM Adeline Lyons

r/b DeVirgilio Family

Thursday, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

March 23 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

8:00 AM William Thurston Cooper

r/b Hillhouse Family

12:45 PM Stations of the Cross

Friday, Lenten Weekday

March 24 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:00 AM Marylou Schlert

r/b Ken and MaryJane Pietrzak

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 5th Sunday of Lent (anticipated)

March 25 Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-

7, 17 20-27, 33b-45

5:00 PM Caroline Peapos

r/b Mike and Patty Peapos

Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent

March 26 Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-

7, 17 20-27, 33b-45

7:00 AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart

9:00 AM John Chuss

r/b Children

11:00 AM Howard Nafus

r/b wife, Ruth

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

is burning from

March 17 through March 23 for the repose of the soul of

Theresa McManus

r/b Natalie Landsiedel and Schuster Family

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening (Vigil): 5:00 PM Sunday Mass: 7 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM Weekdays:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 pm

Thursday during Adoration at 7:00 pm

Monday through Friday mornings

7:30 – 7:50 am

Anytime upon reasonable request



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

are burning from March 17 through March 23 for the repose of the souls of



Ray and Eunice Witt r/b Granddaughter

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

are burning from March 17 through March 23 for the repose of the souls of



Ray and Eunice Witt r/b Granddaughter

THE SEVEN DAY ALTAR CANDLES

are burning from March 17 through March 23 for the repose of the souls of



Ray and Eunice Witt r/b Granddaughter



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical +Roles

3/25-3/26	<u>Lectors</u>	Deacons/EMHCs	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Joan West	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Peter Vallance
7:00 AM	Tim Geiger	Deacon Edward Saukulak	
9:00 AM	Beth Beers	Deacon Lewis Ferris	Daniel Holub
11:00 AM	Chris Gonella	Deacon Edward Saukulak	

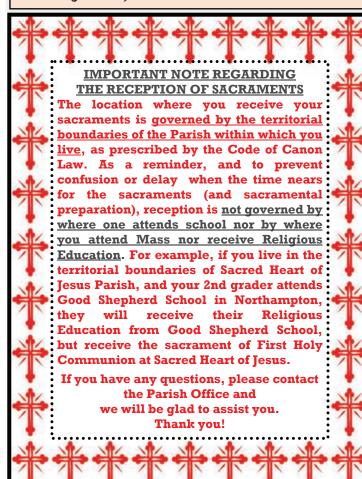
SUNDAY READINGS MARCH 19TH

<u>First Reading</u>—The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." (1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

<u>Psalm</u> — "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." (Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6)

<u>Second Reading</u>—Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. (Eph 5:8-14)

<u>Gospel</u>— As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who shinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (In 9:1-41)



Join us for Mass. Let us gather and celebrate the Mass. Visit our parish Facebook® page!

ONLINE MASS WITH FATHER BUTERA

Please "join" Father Butera online via Facebook as he celebrates daily Mass on Wednesdays in his private chapel. You can view the Mass live on Facebook at 8:00 am or watch a video recording of the Mass at a later time. Look for other updates from Father on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up-to-date with the Parish and current events and to stay connected spiritually through the livestreamed liturgical services!

Sacred Heart Live Streaming events found at:

Facebook: follow @sacredheartofjesusbath (https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbath)

Twitter: follow @sacredheartbath
(https://twitter.com/sacredheartbath)

Periscope: follow @sacredheartbath
(https://www.pscp.tv/sacredheartbath/follow)
Videos may also be live-streamed on YouTube or uploaded when available:

https://www.youtube.com/SacredHeartBath

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Thursday during Lent at 12:45 PM Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays during Lent from 8:30 AM (after daily Mass) through 9:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays from 3:45 – 4:30 PM
During Thursday Adoration
of the most Blessed Sacrament, 7:00-8:00 PM
Monday through Friday mornings,
7:30 – 7:50 AM

Tuesday, March 28th (multiple priests available) 6:30-7:30 PM



MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY REVEREND JEFF WHORTON ACTIVE DUTY ARMY CHAPLAIN



David Eckel

r/b Tanczos Family

Toni Godiska

r/b Larry Fiedor

James Kohler

r/b Robert Janco and family

John Kovalovsky

r/b Andrew Donello and Family

Ronald Jankowski

r/b Robert Quartararo

Joyce Wunderler r/b Padula Family

Annamae Zuercher

r/b Francis Zuercher and Bob and Cheryl Adams



UPDATE: BIBLE STUDY—OPEN TO ALL BURKHART BUILDING

SATURDAY 10:00 AM—11:30 AM March 18th, April 1st and 15th, May 6th and 20th

We will continue to work our way through St. Paul's epistles. Currently we are studying 2Corinthians from the St. Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, by Scott Hahn. Please join us. Any questions email: lferris_2000@yahoo.com.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

You can get us now; we will get you later." This may be the sayings of the abortion/euthanasia conundrum. Those of us who are older and in control right now will make the decisions of who lives and who is aborted. Later on, those who we let live will make the decisions on which of us in our old age, or sickness will be euthanized. Basically, a might makes right syndrome.

The anti-life gang will of course be facing that situation themselves. Their own children who they will try to train to be and think like them will in fact be their executioners. Whenever we go against God's natural laws and the Catholic Church's teachings the results are confusion and chaos. Genesis: 1:31; "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good." God brings order out of nothingness and chaos. So, it was in the beginning and so it is now.

-- Deacon Lewis Ferris



SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - KofC BREAKFAST TODAY!!

7:00am-11:00am Church Auditorium Monday, March 27 – Planning Meeting 7:00pm Burkhart Bldg. & Zoom

Friday, March 31 - Final Lenten Friday Fish Dinner

4:30pm – 7:00pm Church Auditorium Monday, April 10 – Monthly Membership Meeting

A monthly reflection from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is good that we are here, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him. (Lk 9:33, 35) Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or 'spiritual highs" but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for theses enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

A Reminder of April Events: "Ascension Cheesecake" fundraiser begins April 21st
Our first Adopt-A-Highway cleanup is on April 22nd

For additional information about joining our Council; the activities we foster and the sharing of fellowship with millions of Brother Knights; go to www.KofC14464.org or contact our Grand Knight, Brother Paul Bunting at pwbunting@gmail.com for details.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BANK DONATION UPDATE

Due to the generosity of our Sacred Heart parishioners, our Council of the Knights of Columbus delivered 282 pounds of nonperishable items to the St. Vincent dePaul Food Bank at St. Paul's Church in Allentown on Friday March 10. This is the 11th donation for the 2022-23 Fraternal Year, bringing the total year-to-date to 2,358 pounds. Our next donation will be made to the Bath Area Food Bank in mid-April. Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus rebates \$100, up to \$500 annually, to local Councils for each 1,000 pounds of food delivered. This rebate is then passed on by our Council to the Food Banks; THANK YOU for your past donations. The need in our communities is still great with current economic conditions; please continue to support this worthwhile

Please check the "Best By" date on all food items before donating, we cannot accept items with a "Best By" date earlier than 2021.



DOMINICAN CHAPTER MEETING
The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic
meeting will be held on Saturday,
March 25th from 8 am to 12 pm
(noon) in the Father Post Room of
the Burkhart Building.

SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS

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Sunday, March 19th:

• Knights of Columbus Breakfast: 7:00-11:00 am.

Wednesday, March 22:

• Women's Guild Pastie Sale: Pick up your pasties in the Burkhart Building from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. See article below.

Friday, March 24th:

Matey's Pizza and Mr. Pasties—Quick and Easy Lenten Meal: Don't forget to pick-up
your order in the Scout Room on Friday, between 4-5 PM OR before or after Stations of
the Cross at 7 PM. Extra pizzas and pasties will be available for purchase if you forgot
to order—first come, first served, cash or check.

Sunday, March 26th:

• Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale: Last day to order is March 26th. Candy order pickup will be on Thursday, March 30th in the lower level Burkhart building parish office between 8 am and 4 pm. See below.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PLACE A
GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY
ONLINE ORDER!!!!!

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BY MARCH 26TH

GO TO SACRED HEART PARISH
WEBSITE FOR THE LINK!!
All online orders placed after
February 28th will be shipped
directly to your home.

Candy order PICK-UP!
Thursday, March 30th in the lower
level parish office, Burkhart
Building. Enter at blue doors.
8 am-4 pm



WOMEN'S GUILD
PASTIE SALE
Sponsored by the

Pastie Pick-up on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023, at the Burkhart Building from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Sacred Heart Women's Guild

Question please call Sandy Tucker at 610-751-8369 or Cyndy Radcliffe at 610-762-1986



2023 Sacred Heart Picnic!

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, July 14th
and

Saturday, July 15th

THANK YOU FOR YOUR USED CLOTHING DONATIONS!

Can you believe that during calendar year 2022, we collected 24.67 TONS of clothing/textiles at our Used Clothing drop-off shed? Wow, that is a lot and almost half of one ton more than last year! We receive money from the company that collects the clothing based on the weight of the acceptable donations. In 2022, Sacred Heart parish earned \$3,946 from these donations, up 9.5% from 2021. This is a steady source of income and is used to offset our monthly operating expenses/bills. Please make sure you continue to drop off only acceptable items. If you have any questions about what is acceptable, please refer to the bulletin list or call the parish office. Also be advised that if you or someone you know are in need of used clothing, you should not take items out of the shed. Please call the office if you are in need.

Your Stewardship Report - March 5

First Collection \$10
Parish Improvement \$10
Other Collections \$10
Other

\$10,012 Other collections -\$2,106 from envelopes dated \$1,097 other than \$19 March 5

Total Collections \$13,234

Other - donations, candles, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PARISH Next Week's Collections - March 26



<u>First</u> Sunday Collection

> <u>Second</u> Rice Bowl

RICE BOWL -LENT

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult and climate change is making it making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a



Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



FASTING & FEASTING FOR LENT

Fast from worry. Feast on TRUSTING GOD.
Fast from gossip. Feast on KIND WORDS.
Fast from self pity. Feast on GRATITUDE.
Fast from greed. Feast on GENEROSITY.
Fast from negativity. Feast on the POSITIVES.
Fast from grudges. Feast on FORGIVENESS.
Fast from fear. Feast on FAITH.

WEEKLY OFFERING

If you are not able to attend Mass, please continue to submit your weekly offering envelopes:

- ⇒ Mail your envelopes to:
 Sacred Heart Church
 210 E. Northampton Street
 Bath, PA 18014
- Online Giving available through Sacred Heart's website at <u>www.sacredheartbath.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button on the home page below the picture of the altar.
- ⇒ Drop-off your envelopes at our "self-service station" in the Burkhart Building during Parish office hours

Thank you for continuing to support Sacred Heart of Jesus parish!



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, March 23 8:30 am - 9:00 pm in Church Confession: 7:00-8:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. During this holy season, we're encouraged to repent of our sinfulness, to seek the Lord's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to grow closer to him through prayer and fasting. What is happening in our lives is mirrored in the Church: music is subdued, alleluia is not said or sung, and the use of flowers is not permitted. Many of you kindly arrange for flowers in memory of your loved ones. We will welcome that loving gesture after Easter.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please remove all flowers and other decorations from the cemetery prior to Friday, **March 31st**. Any items



remaining after this date will be discarded. Please note that according to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, no planting of bushes, trees, or shrubs is allowed. Also, digging up the grass is prohibited.

WE ARE REMEMBERED 32ND EASTER MASS St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church 618 Fullerton, Ave., Whitehall, PA Wednesday, April 12 at 7 pm

The 32nd Annual Easter Mass sponsored by the Diocesan "We Are Remembered" Ministry will be celebrated by Reverend Stanley Moczydlowski. "We minister and welcome all who mourn the death and passing of a loved one," says the ministry.

Monday, April 3 is the deadline to have the names of loved ones enrolled to ensure their inclusion in the Book of the Remembered and the enrollment list that will be printed afterward in the AD Today Newspaper.

We Are Remembered requests a \$5 donation for each name enrolled to cover expenses. Every name submitted will be enrolled regardless of donation. "The work of the ministry is sustained by your generosity and prayerful support."

To register, send the following information and checks to We Are Remembered Ministry,
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish,
618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052
Include: Sponsor(s) name, Donation amount,
Address, Phone number, Email and Name(s) of the deceased.



COUNTRY COTTAGE NUT ROLL SALE SPONSORED BY LADIES AUXILIARY



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BATH FIREFIGHTERS

<u>Pick up: Saturday, April 1st at the Bath Fire Station</u>
Call MaryAnn Lilly at 610-837-7908

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO



MERCY SCHOOL OF LEARNING

830 S. Woodward Street Allentown, PA 18103

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Doors open at 12:00 pm—Bingo begins at 1:00 pm

Join us for designer purse bingo at Mercy School for Special Learning, featuring bags by Kate Spade, Coach, and Michael Kors.

Food, snacks, baked goods, and beverages will be available for purchase.

We are hosting a Tricky Tray the day of the event and are accepting donations of small items or gift cards.

Reservations in advance are \$25 for 20 games or \$30 for 20 games at the door the day of the event.

Reservation deadline Friday, April 7, 2023
Contact Mercy at 610-797-8242 or
Learning@mercyschool.org with any questions
and to reserve your place.

5th Annual Business Leaders Breakfast



Recover. Succeed. Transform.

You're Invited to Breakfast!

April 21st, 2023 7-9 AM at DeSales University

Join us for our Fifth Annual Business Leaders Breakfast! Each year, leaders in the community gather together to support the mission of the Lehigh Valley's first - AND ONLY- recovery high school, get an update on its progress, hear from one of the outstanding business leaders in our community, network with one another, and learn about ways in which the community can help students on their recovery journey. We are thrilled to welcome John Bailie, Ph.D as our keynote speaker. John, who works at Compass Point, as a Family Business Advisor, helps senior executives learn how to forge stronger relationships, build a dynamic company culture, and strategically deploy their collective strengths. John's Ph.D work focused on adult learning and change, and he has taught organizational development at both Columbia University as well as the International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School. Through his personal blog, Leading Conflict: How to Fight at Work, John explores leadership, conflict, and culture.

To register for the Breakfast please visit: https://forms.gle/xiEDJZtz3JjuwGkJ8

ADMISSION IS FREE

Registration is now open!!!

Network, learn, grow and support Kolbe Academy!



ST. MARY'S—BASKET SOCIAL

St. Mary's Parish Center 122 Union Street, Catasauqua

Friday March 24th 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday March 25th 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM Sunday March 26th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tickets on sale at the door
Advance tickets by 3/23 - buy 5 get 1 free
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE
PRESENT TO WIN

Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Mary's CCD Program For more info., please call 610 264-0332 or 610 264-9383



SAVE THE DATE BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN GALA



Saturday, March 25th starting at 6:00 pm For Information: GoldenGala23.givesmart.com

Questions or more information contact Sarah Lumi at 610-866-0791 ext.323 or slumi@bechi.org.

SACRED HEART PARISH GIFT CARD PROGRAM

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart Will Earn 5% Every Time You Grocery Shop

Make grocery shopping more convenient by purchasing gift cards in the lower-level parish office: Ahart's, Giant, Wegmans, Weis, Redner's

OTHER AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

Sacred Heart can earn up to 16% from sales of the gift cards listed below that we have on hand.



Please stop by the lower office in the Burkhart Building (Blue Doors) and check out our supply of cards or pick up a list of available gift cards that can be ordered.

For more info: Please email Karen at kshimko@sacredheartbath.org or call 610-837-6391 - Monday through Friday between 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This is a great way to help support our Parish!!!

For full list of available gift cards for ordering go to: www.sacredheartbath.org



Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations	Gift Card	Percentage Earned	Denominations
Apple Store	5%	\$15/\$25	Applebee's	8%	\$25
Bath & Body Works	12%	\$25	Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25
Best Buy	4%	\$25	Domino's	8%	\$10
Home Depot	7%	\$25	Olive Garden	8%	\$25
Kohl's	4%	\$25/\$100	Panera	8%	\$10
Sheetz	3%	\$25	Wendy's	6.5%	\$10
Target	2.5%	\$25	Visa	1.25%	\$25
Walmart/Sam's	2.5%	\$25	Boscov's	8%	\$25
Outback/Carrabba's	8%	\$10/\$25	Old Navy/Gap	14%	\$25

SACRED HEART PARISH FUNDRAISERS

Consider Organizing a Sacred Heart Parish Fundraiser!

A fundraising event allows a group of wonderful people to come together to support a particular event or sale. The funds that are raised are a part of these efforts and are donated directly to our parish. If you have an idea and would be interested in organizing a fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. This is a great way to meet parishioners, have fun and help support Sacred Heart Parish. Thank you!

DID YOU **LOSE** SOMETHING?

Look for it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX or

call the office at 610-837-7874



DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?

Please put it in the LOST AND FOUND BOX

<u>Do not</u> take it to the sacristy

The Lost and Found Box is located in the stairwell to the choir loft on the Blessed Mother side of the church.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRED HEART OF JESUS RECTORY 210 East Northampton St., Bath, PA 18014-1625 PARISH OFFICE - BURKHART BUILDING

Office Hours - Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Rectory and Parish Office:

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Email: office@sacredheartbath.org
Website: www.sacredheartbath.org
Pastor: Rev. Christopher S. Butera
Deacons: Mr. Lewis Ferris, Mr. Edward Saukulak
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Youth Ministry: Mrs. Sharon Hillhouse
shillhouse@sacredheartbath.org

WELCOME

We welcome all who join us at our Mass. We encourage you to become an active participant in the life of our Parish. All Catholics who live within our Parish boundaries should register. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

is given to those who are seriously ill and in danger of death. When there is danger of death, please call the Pastor anytime, day or night.

GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY FORMS

In order to act as a godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation, one must be a Catholic in good standing. Specifically this means Mass attendance every Sunday (Exodus 20:8), striving to live the moral precepts of the Church, and if married, a valid marriage in the Catholic Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on Sunday at Noon. If you are a parishioner and would like to schedule a Baptism, please contact the Parish Office. Prior to the baptism, parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class which is designed to instruct the parents about the teachings of the church regarding Baptism, and to offer assistance in the spiritual preparation for their child's reception of the first of the Sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners who are contemplating the Sacrament of Matrimony should contact the Pastor and mutually agree upon a date at least a year prior to the Wedding. The Church takes the preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously, and requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program six months before the wedding. The normative time for weddings is Saturday between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Weddings are not celebrated on major holidays, nor on the first weekend of June in deference to Ordination of Priests each year at that time. Either the Bride or the Groom must be a practicing member of Sacred Heart Parish in order to request a wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

A Priest or Deacon will visit monthly. Extraordinary Ministers visit those who wish to receive more often. Always notify us about the homebound parishioners who wish to be visited.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Those who desire entrance into the Catholic Church are warmly welcome through the **RCIA**. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

The Consolation Ministry Reaches out to families who have experienced the death of a loved one in order to help them prepare for the Funeral Mass and gain an understanding of death as a believing Catholic. For more information on this ministry, please contact Joan West at 610-216-8062.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. Offerings may specify a particular request or be placed in the Memorial Fund for parish needs.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator,

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209

Secretary for Youth Protection

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS, Telephone Number: 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204, prusso@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the <u>Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs</u>, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit <u>www.allentowndiocese.org</u> and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner.

<u>COURAGE – Diocesan Help Line:</u> Father Ezaki at 610-573-7150 or Deacon Christopher May at 484-602-9400.

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

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